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WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Indications for lower Michigan: Fair, northwest winds, slightly cooler in southeast; warmer in northwest portions.

TAGGART, ELLIS AND DIEKEMA.

Unwittingly, albeit effectively, the evening exponent of democracy pays a high tribute to the legal ability of our distinguished fellow townsman, the Hon. Moses Taggart, in its issue of last night. It has been discovered that Mr. Taggart was retained by the state to appear in a large number of cases, for which he received a moderately fair remuneration. It doesn't go to the trouble to explain the nature of the cases, the amount of time devoted to them nor whether his compensation was liberal or otherwise. Its purpose was to show that the great double-back-action political jump-jack, Ellis, was able to conduct state trials without assistance from counsel, but it cleverly neglected to cite any cases in which he had appeared to fight single and alone the cause of the state. It didn't say that Mr. Taggart was uniformly successful nor that Ellis uniformly fails to win.

Ellis was chief counsel in the Consolidated conspiracy case, tried at Detroit, and the trial resulted in favor of the defendants.

He was chief counsel, aided by an array of brilliant democratic legal lights in the apportionment cases, but the court knocked the apportionment out.

He was chief counsel in the Miner bill trial, but Fred A. Baker made the principal argument. Ellis was not heard of as making any kind of an argument on that measure.

If there are any other cases in which he has figured except as a pettifogger and skull digger in the people's party conventions, they haven't grown to be notorious.

Moses Taggart rendered value received for his services while Ellis has rendered services for value he expects to receive. Moses Taggart is a lawyer; Adolphus Ananias Ellis is a political pettifogger and cheap John blyster.

The attempt to question the ability of the Hon. G. J. Diekema was hardly justifiable. Mr. Diekema is a young man, to be sure, but he has been honored by the intelligent legislators of the state by an election to the speaker's chair. He was the leader of the republicans in the last house. Nobody has ever questioned his ability before. He has all the qualifications that go to make the successful lawyer, and in his practice he enjoys the reputation of being a winner. He certainly doesn't ask to be elected on the strength of services rendered by others. If elected, he will try state cases himself, and will attend to the business of his office rather than chase after political preferment.

WILD-CAT BANKS.

There is one plank in the Chicago platform that occupies the space of only two lines, yet it contains a menace to the stability of business nearly as frowning as the vehement denunciation of the tariff. The two-line plank demands the abolition of the 10 per cent tax on state bank issues of currency. The framers of the platform sagaciously decided in solemn conference, behind closed doors, that this plank should be tucked away among the ponderous planks of the platform where it would attract little or no attention and where its true character would be obscured.

But the purpose to deceive, so craftily executed, has been unmasked and the evils that would follow in the wake of the abolishment of the tax have been brought to light. The plank means the resurrection of wild-cat banks which were throttled and killed by the original tax. There is scarcely a man, now forty years of age, but that will recall the period of feverish commercial confusion and financial panic that reigned during the interval when state banks flourished. A dollar in bank script of state bank issue, was subject to variable discounts in every other state. There was no stability, no value to the wild-cat issues and the man of wealth today, represented by state bank notes, might be a comparative pauper tomorrow.

Instead of having a dollar of equal and interchangeable value everywhere in the United States, as at present, the dollars of wild-cat banks were subject to the fluctuations of the market just as the price of commodities is now regulated by supply and demand and free trade coal and sugar combines. There was not a common source of liability, but a multitude of sources carrying good, bad and indifferent collateral as security. There was confusion, suspicion and fraud in the money centers, where now there is simplicity, confidence and honesty. The democrats demand a return to the wild-cat regime in their two-line plank, but the people will have none of such wildness and financial suicide.

DEFEAT OF A PLAN.

What will be taken as a blow at the parochial school is the result of the school election in Faribault, where and

when the old board which favors the "Faribault plan" was defeated by a majority of 200 in a total vote of 1,000. The Faribault plan was a consolidation of the parochial and public schools, effected for the primary purpose of reducing taxation, but which has become the subject of international discussion. The population of Faribault is largely Catholic, and the maintenance of parochial schools and public schools, as well, became a burden too great to be borne. A proposition was made that the parochial schools, with their equipments, be turned over to the school board and that the whole be maintained by general taxation, the Catholics covenanting that no religious instruction should be given in school hours. The plan was endorsed by Archbishop Ireland, who visited Rome and secured a dispensation from the Pope granting permission for its continuation, but only in Faribault.

The election simply voices the dissatisfaction of the school electors with the plan and is doubtless an expression in favor of a divorce, or separation, of the two systems. The parochial and public school should be kept as far apart as the church and state. Religion and statecraft are essentially non-assimilable, and religious instruction and scientific instruction are equally non-conforming factors of our educational system. The Faribault plan does not commend itself to the people at large. It may and may not possess merits peculiar to its locality, but nobody would listen to its universal adoption. That it has met with disapproval at its birthplace is no reflection on the parochial school, as such, nor does it follow that the parochial school threatens to trespass on the domain of the public school elsewhere.

GENEROUS ENTHUSIASM.

Judge Perkins, in his speech to the audience in the Lincoln club rooms last evening, phrased a very pretty retort to Grover's famous aphorism. The condition that confronts the people today is so totally different from what the democrats would have it and what the calamity howlers picture it, that the comparison is painful for the supporters of Cleveland to contemplate. On every hand the whirl of busy wheels, the hum of industry and the music of prosperous times make the welkin ring, and the democrats make a sorry mess of it trying to induce us believe we are struggling under burdens of taxation and wallowing in the mire of poverty.

The meeting was a peculiarly happy one. It served to call out the wealth of pent-up enthusiasm in the several candidates for office. Every one of them is inspired with confidence of success. Such inspiration communicated to others must be spontaneously effective. The remarks of Messrs. Sellers, Griswold, Steketee, Gould, Eddy, Perkins, Eisenhardt and others were brimful of earnestness and evinced a purpose to fight a winning contest.

Tonight the young republicans of this city will band themselves together for the campaign, and they will decide to exist as a permanent club. Upon them will rest the duties of citizenship for years to come, and they cannot learn these duties themselves better nor impress them upon others more effectively than through the medium of an organization. The purpose of the club is such as to deserve a large gathering of young men at the initial meeting this evening at the Lincoln club rooms.

GROVER'S latest literary production is a letter denying that his wife ever snubbed Winnie Davis. It's about time that Grover ceased to flaunt the name of his wife and baby in the political arena. Everybody ought to know that Grover would not be so foolish as to snub, or permit to be snubbed, any friend or relative of Jeff Davis.

New York democrats have settled down to such quiet and peaceful harmony that the roars of the Tammany tiger are as soft as the purring of a contented kitten. Just now the anti-snappers are making an awful din, but it is done to emphasize the quiet and harmony that prevails in the party.

Mr. Morse will read the returns on election night and his face will wear an expression so pained and tired that his wife will call for an introduction to him. Poor Ben, it is too bad that his friends have tempted him to the crushing defeat that awaits him November 3.

When a candidate for public office has advanced so far in his own estimation of his popularity with the masses that he can boast that he does not desire the support of those able to assist him, he courts the suspicion that he is either an ass or an idiot.

It now appears that McQueen's endorsement was brought about by a "snap" committee meeting. Between snaps and anti-snaps the democrats manage to keep in an eternal state of turmoil.

Mr. Peck, the New York labor commissioner, threatens to explode another bomb in the democratic camp. It is surprising that he is not arrested as an anarchist.

James Conley is reported to be about to declare for Cleveland. His political career has been so variable that as much might have been anticipated.

Chicago is a great town for microbes and wheat deals, but it has a few things yet to learn about universities.

Dorcas Ratons will be spared the torture of an ecclesiastical trial until after the election of a president is decided.

It's a quiet month in the wild and woolly west when two or more towns are not in open hostility.

Yonkers man, turn out to the meeting in the Lincoln club rooms tonight.

TOOK UP OLD ROLLS

The Council Passes Two Old Timers.

CONFIRMS THE ASSESSMENT

The Madison Street Sewer Roll Confirmed Despite the Mayor's Veto.

Work of the Season.

The Oakland avenue assessment roll which has troubled the council for three years was passed last night. The people on that street will now be asked to pay for the improvement. Each year since the work was completed a large amount of interest has been paid by the city at large, and the people on the street before whose property the improvement is, have as yet not been called upon to pay one dollar on the contract.

Another important action was the decision to take \$3919 from the water works income fund to apply on the assessment roll for a sewer in Madison street, North College avenue and other streets and the confirmation of the roll over the mayor's veto. All the aldermen were present and transacted the business before them with unusual vim. Residents on the west side asked that Wealthy avenue bridge be placed across the river on a line with the street. Referred to the committee on streets.

D. H. Waters and D. M. Ambarg asked that Ottawa street be paved with cedar blocks on a concrete base. Referred to the committee on streets.

Residents on Bradford and Matilda street asked for the improvement of an alley in their neighborhood. Referred to the committee on streets.

Residents on Livingston street north of the reservoir remonstrated against the grading of that street north to Coldbrook. It was claimed the street had never been graded to the city. It would cost \$13 per foot front to make the grade and between Walbridge street and Coldbrook street there would be a cut of more than fifty feet. Referred to the committee on streets.

George W. Thayer asked to repair sidewalks on the corner of the agreement that he lay stone walks in the spring. The request was granted.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians asked permission to erect a bill board on Ottawa street, in front of their hall, until after the great bazaar, which they give this month. Referred to the committee on streets.

City Electrician Carman reported his tests of street lamps for the month. The average power was 10.09 per cent for all the lights. His test consisted of trials of the lamps made ten nights in the month. The report was placed on file.

Charles Sech remonstrated against a grade on Livingston street. Referred to the board of public works. Harvey J. Heysek asked permission to deposit building material on Louis street. Granted under direction of the city marshal.

Some Bills Questioned.

The comptroller reported bills amounting to \$31,367.14. The report was adopted and the bills were ordered paid except \$10 for hack hire for C. W. Corina which was referred to the committee on claims and accounts; also a bill for \$25.00 for a clock purchased by the board of public works for the pumping station was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

The board of review asked that further time be given in which to complete a number of assessments. The city attorney reported a quit claim deed of an alley in Ten Haaf's addition; also a quit claim deed of the south half of Letellier street from Olin street to Front street. The deed was given by the Wallen Leather company. Received and ordered placed on record.

The board of public works reported that it had no desire to change its decision to use Grand Rapids Brick company in the construction of sewers. Received and placed on file. The board of public works recommended that the water mains be not laid in Sherman street to the east city limits. It would cost \$2,625 and there are but seven consumers on the street. The recommendation was placed on file.

The committee on streets recommended that Matthew's court be improved and that the remonstrance be placed on file. The report was adopted.

The committee on fire department recommended that the Telephone & Telegraph Construction company be allowed to set poles and string wires on Ethel avenue and Wealthy avenue. Adopted.

The committee on sewers recommended that a sewer be placed in Eureka avenue; adopted. The committee on sewers recommended that a sewer be built in Scribner street to connect with the First street sewer; adopted. The same committee recommended the building of a brick arch over the canal at Erie street; adopted. The committee on buildings recommended the decoration of the superior court room. The matter was discussed pro and con, and the report was tabled. The committee on licenses reported that Perce Klaiber be granted a license to run a saloon in East street; the report was tabled.

Special committees reported districts to be assessed on the following improvements: Sewer in Huron street, improvement of Woodlawn avenue, sewer in Bradburn street, sewer in Umattila street, sewer in Highland avenue, sewer in Ninth street.

Paving of Gates street was changed from asphalt to concrete and the roll was laid over for one week.

The roll for the paving of Sherman street was laid over for the purpose of hearing appeals and a committee was appointed.

The Oakland avenue roll was satisfied and confirmed. This roll has been kicking about for three years and has at last passed. The result will no doubt be a suit when an attempt is made to collect the tax, as the people on the street are determined not to pay for the improvement.

The assessment roll for the Fremont street improvement was ratified and confirmed.

The Pleasant street roll was presented by the commissioners and was laid over one week. The same disposition was made with the Grand avenue roll, the West Fulton street roll, and the Carrier, Reed and Page street sewer.

Madison Street Sewer Roll.

On motion of Alderman Saunders the contract for the sewer on Plainfield avenue, which was laid on the table one week ago, was taken up and the mayor was instructed to execute the contract. The matter of taking about \$3,919 from the water works income fund to apply on the fifth ward sewer roll. The city attorney gave it as

his opinion that the council had the power to take the money from the water works income fund. He said the council did not have the power to tax the interest upon orders on the property owners. Before the action could be taken it was deemed by some of the aldermen necessary to take action on the veto of the mayor. The city attorney said it would be best to pass the resolution providing for the payment of the assessment first. The resolution was put to a vote and was carried. The motion was then put to decide whether the veto should stand. The confirmation of the roll was passed over the mayor's veto.

Residents on Delaney street asked for watermains in their street. Referred to the board of public works.

Motion and Resolutions.

By Alderman Frost—Sidewalk resolution for South Ionia street, ten days notice, and Elsworth avenue, five days notice. Both resolutions were adopted.

By Alderman Campbell—That Ottawa street be paved with cedar blocks from Pearl street to Lyon street. This resolution was discussed sharply, and was finally referred to the committee on streets.

By Alderman Campbell—That the marshal notify the telephone company and all other companies who have poles in Lyon street, to have them moved back to the curb line. Adopted.

By Alderman Bell—That the alley between Fulton and Island streets be improved. Adopted.

By Alderman Kinney—That an estimate be made for the improvement of Erie street. Adopted.

By Alderman Teaschout—That a sewer be placed in North College avenue. Adopted.

By Alderman Kinney: Order and resolution on the alley between Crescent avenue and East Bridge street. Adopted. Also on Bank street improvement. Adopted.

By Alderman Saunders: That a committee be appointed to locate a district on the Plainfield avenue sewer. Adopted.

By Alderman Saunders: That Matthews court be improved. By Alderman Mahoney: That the Street Railway company repair between its rails on all track within the fifth ward; adopted. By Alderman Mahoney: That the highway commissioner of the third highway district immediately proceed to clean the street in his district; adopted. By Alderman Turner: That the School Furniture company remove its obstruction from Muskegon street; adopted. By Alderman Emmer: That the Gas company repair Fourth street when a gas connection was made; adopted. By Alderman Turner: That the city engineer report why he has not established a dispensary for drugs in the city poor department; adopted. By Alderman Mills: Sidewalk resolution on Hogsdose avenue, ten days' notice; adopted. By Alderman Turner: That the city attorney report on the ordinance providing a proper punishment for those who do not make sewer connections when possible; adopted.

By Alderman Turner—that an estimate be made of a sewer system for the West side which shall empty into the river at a point where the big ditch enters the view. Adopted.

By Alderman Turner—That all the sewers of the city be flushed immediately. Adopted.

By Alderman DeGraaf—Sidewalk resolution for Madison avenue, ten days notice. Adopted.

By Alderman Dregge—That a low light be placed at the corner of Central avenue and Highland avenue. Referred to the committee on streets.

By Alderman Dregge: That the Detroit Lansing and Northern railway company repair the Madison avenue crossing within ten days. Adopted.

Orders and resolution for the rolls on the Cass street improvement and the Terrace avenue improvement with Alderman Dregge's name on the bond were placed on file. The roll was placed on Alderman Dregge's desk.

They were read, but Alderman Dregge said he had not seen the resolution and refused to father them. Alderman Turner said he would father the resolution and all others which the clerk might have in his hands if the alderman of the ward would not father them. Alderman Jacobs moved that they be referred to the alderman of the eleventh ward, which was carried, and the council adjourned.

RECEPTION TO DR. FALLING.

Merriam Post and the Woman's Relief Corps Arranging the Affair.

Merriam post, No. 8, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief corps have an affair booked for next Tuesday evening, that all Meriden will be interested in. It is one year since Merriam post was accorded an ownership of Grand Rapids, Mich., and since that time plans to turn Meriden over to the veterans of that place have been perfected. The entire body of Grand Rapids Grand Army men are not coming to Meriden, but J. F. Falling, one of that organization, accompanied by his wife and son. These people will be accorded a Meriden welcome.

Dr. Falling, who is one of the leading physicians of Grand Rapids, was a prime mover in arranging the reception tendered Merriam post. Any demonstration of the system of writing through the various countries, noticing the progress and development of the art. The material upon which characters were inscribed was also traced from the stone tablets to the paper upon which the characters are printed today. The use of a book of characters distinguished by the quality of paper upon which it is printed and by the quality of ink used. Each generation has used a different kind of ink in writing, and the century in which it was used can be ascertained by chemical analysis. The ancient manuscript can be detected in this way.

Talked to the Young People.

"The Story of the Book" was told to the Young Peoples society of Fountain Street Baptist church last night by the Hon. Roger W. Butterfield. He explained the system of writing through the various countries, noticing the progress and development of the art. The material upon which characters were inscribed was also traced from the stone tablets to the paper upon which the characters are printed today. The use of a book of characters distinguished by the quality of paper upon which it is printed and by the quality of ink used. Each generation has used a different kind of ink in writing, and the century in which it was used can be ascertained by chemical analysis. The ancient manuscript can be detected in this way.

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WAS A TRUE COPY

Mrs. Florence Huntley Says Spookendyke Was

STANLEY HUNTLEY HIMSELF

She Has Just Completed a New Novel That Will Be Published in About Ten Days.

Mrs. Florence Huntley of New York was a guest at the Morton yesterday. Mrs. Huntley is the widow of the late Stanley Huntley, one of the most brilliant of the later American humorists, and the creator of the "Spookendyke" papers, weak imitations of which are still written by plagiarist space-fillers.

Mrs. Huntley is a remarkably bright and charming woman. She seems scarcely more than 25, and talks with all the vivacity of a young girl. To a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday, she said: "I shall probably stay here in the city for two or three days. I am giving the greater share of my attention just now to my book, 'The Dream Child,' which will be issued in ten days by the Arena Publishing company. It is to be number 9 in the 'Helen Gardner' series, which will follow 'Helen Gardner.' 'Pray, You Sir, Your Daughter'."

Has Been Delayed.

"I expected it would be published in September, but some of the proofs were lost and the book has been delayed. Here is the cover," and Mrs. Huntley produced a proof of the page which contained a half-tone portrait of herself and a large one of a golden-haired child. "I'm going to have that page changed," she continued. "I have found here in Michigan—in Kalamazoo, in fact—the most beautiful child I ever saw, and I'm going to substitute its picture for the one there."

"I have no plans for the future," said Mrs. Huntley. "About the only thing I am interested in now is my book. Since the death of Mr. Huntley and the death of my brother I have never allowed myself to have any plans. I do my work for the day and let tomorrow take care of itself. About five years ago I began to do newspaper work. I was on the staff of the Minneapolis Tribune and wrote political gossip. After six months I went to Washington and did editorial work on the Post. My duties were very confusing and I was forced to give that up. Then I acted as correspondent for several republican newspapers until I was a wreck from nervous prostration."

Origins of Spookendyke.

My ideal at that time was to do the work of Mr. E. L. Felt. I was doing in the form of a women's republican club. I had some correspondence with Mr. Clarkson and subsequently went to New York to see him; but my nerves were in such condition that I could not even think about the matter and was forced to give it up."

You see, I am an enthusiastic republican. Mr. Huntley was a democrat, and you can imagine that the campaigns were very lively times in our household. It was a veritable Spookendyke family. Indeed, Mr. Huntley was a democrat, and I have told him that the best work he did in that line were those sketches in which he most accurately described himself. Mr. Huntley was not a strong party man, however. Politics and society to him were something to laugh at. Life was only a jest. "But I think I appreciate that side of his character as much as any."

WILL MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE.

Captain Bennett of Company E Discharges Two Men for Non-Attendance.

Captain Bennett of Company E is a firm believer in discipline and he evinced it at the meeting of the company last night, when the name of private Aldrich Smith was brought up for a discharge from the service. Captain Bennett had recommended the discharge as a matter of discipline, Smith having missed the requisite number of drills, and it only remained for the company, by its vote, to ratify his decision. On the first ballot forty-four votes were cast, thirty-three of which were for continuing Private Smith in the service and eleven for his discharge. This brought Captain Bennett up. He declared that he would have discipline and attendance or he would throw up his command. He was there for the best results of the company and he proposed to do his duty. It was either a case of discharge Smith or elect another captain. The members were loyal to him and the vote was reconsidered. Another ballot resulted as follows: Number of votes cast, twenty-six; twenty-three for dropping Smith, eleven blank and twelve for his continuance. A third ballot resulted in the election of Private Smith. Private Karl Kuts was also discharged without a dissenting vote.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The First Session of the Season Was Held Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. parlors the ministerial conference met for the first time since the long summer vacation. The Rev. Dr. Mulhern presided and the venerable Rev. E. C. Crawford was an honored visitor. The session opened with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Frye, after which a letter from Prof. Prescott was read, in which he expressed regret at being unable to deliver the promised lecture, on account of his removal from the city. Owing to the small attendance the regular order of business, the election of officers, was deferred until next Monday, and the afternoon was pleasantly passed with an impromptu program contributed by the Rev. W. A. Frye, the Rev. J. M. Davis and the Rev. Thomas G. Smith, each of whom gave an outline of the sermon preached Sunday morning before. The Rev. R. C. Crawford reviewed briefly the sermon preached by the Rev. William A. Denman Sunday morning. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Davis and the conference adjourned.

Lowell's Greatest Fair.

F. D. Eddy of Lowell, secretary of the Lowell Fair association, was a guest in the Morton yesterday. "We have the largest number of entries in the different departments that we have ever had," he said. "All the races are filled and we expect to see some good ones made. George Rogers, C. M. Waters and other breeders of the city have made entries in the speed department. The fair will open Tuesday and close Friday. Wednesday will be prohibition day. We expect to have speeches by John Russell and Myron H. Walker. Thursday the republicans will have a picnic and John T. Rich, Gerrit J. Diekema, George McReids,

and others will be present. The fair will be a success, however."

The Armada fair was the only one held this fall in Michigan in which horse racing was not a feature. It was a success, however.

There's a Meat Chopper that Cuts our meat fine, no matter in what shape it is found. The one referred to is that manufactured by the Enterprise Manufacturing Co., and are the

only kind on the market worthy of mention. They are coated with pure tin, and thus are rendered impervious to rust or discoloration. They are unaffected by acids, are very easily cleaned and very desirable in every way. The choppers are simple, easily taken apart and will last a lifetime with moderate care. The process of cutting is as follows: The meat is fed into the hopper and carried forward by the screw until it reaches the drilled plate, the pressure of the screw forcing it into each of the small holes in the plate, at which it is chopped off by the revolving knife, which makes four cuts for each hole with every revolution of the crank, the small pieces thus cut being forced out by the next pieces so cut. The simplicity of this ingenious machine makes it particularly desirable for family use.

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